

DISASTER LAID TO MILITIA OR GUARDS

Blame for Holcaust in Colorado Miners' Tent Colony Fixed by Jury.

TRAINMEN SAW SOLDIERS APPLY TORCH, THEY SAY

First Disarmament Move Taken When Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. Agrees to Give Up Guns.

TRINIDAD, Col., May 2.—The fire which destroyed the Ludlow tent colony the night of April 29, causing the deaths of thirteen women and children, was started by militiamen or mine guards, or both, according to the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury here today.

D. J. Riley testified today that a man in a militia uniform put a torch to the tent in the Ludlow colony at 7:45 the evening of April 29. Riley, a Colorado and Southern railway fireman, said he saw the militia man in a freight train which pulled up at the Ludlow station in the hottest of the battle. He said two tents already were in flames.

"I saw a man in a militia uniform touch a blaze to a third tent," he said. When the train drew up at the station, he said, several militiamen put guns to the engineer's head and ordered him to get out, and to do it and three children were taken to the station and the children screaming and apparently trying to escape. He said that during the time the militia was firing into the colony.

No Verdict on Tikas. No responsibility for the killing of Louis Tikas was fixed by the jury.

The verdict in the cases of women and children was that "they came to their deaths by application of fire, or both, caused by the burning of the tents of the Ludlow tent colony, and that fire was started by militiamen, under Maj. Hamrock and Lieut. Lindbergh, or mine guards, or both."

A separate verdict was rendered on the deaths of Alfred Martin, a militiaman; Premo Laskie, a non-commissioned; Louis Tikas, Frank Rebo, James Fyler, John Bartolito and Charles Costa, strikers; Frank Snyder, a miner; and a jury found that they "came to their death by bullet wounds in the battle between militiamen and miners, under Maj. Hamrock and Lieut. Lindbergh, and mine guards on one side, and strikers on the other, said battle being in the Ludlow tent colony."

United States regulars tonight patrolled the southern Colorado coal fields. Troops went out from the central camp at Trinidad were in control of the situation at Walsenburg and Ludlow had been established in the Ludlow tent colony, said mining camps in Las Animas and Huerfano counties.

Both Are Satisfied. DENVER, May 2.—Secretary Garrison's proclamation calling on all persons in the strike district not to take part in the service of the United States to surrender their arms and ammunition, elicited a statement from J. F. Wellborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, who said: "It suits the operators perfectly. We told that we were waiting for the day he arrived that we were waiting to turn over our arms the minute he said he could control the situation."

When shown Secretary Garrison's proclamation E. L. Doyle, district secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, said: "We understand this order to mean that mine guards, detectives, militia and strikers are to be disarmed and peace maintained by United States troops. This being the case, trouble in the strike zone is at an end, but if the militiamen are to be allowed arms, there is sure to be trouble, since a large percentage of them are in the employment of the coal companies."

Gov. Ammons was busy today preparing his message to the legislature, which will convene in special session next Monday.

Send 855 Cavalrymen. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 2.—In accordance with orders from the War Department to proceed to the strike zone in Colorado, three squadrons, twelve troops of 855 men of the 11th Cavalry, under command of Col. James Lockett, entrained today at Fort Ogilvie for Trinidad, Col.

Horses Are Shipped. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 2.—Three hundred horses, constituting the mounts of the second squadron, 11th Cavalry, were shipped today to Trinidad, Colorado, by fast freight today.

To Deliver Guards' Arms. WALSBERG, Col., May 2.—The first move toward actual disarmament in the southern Colorado strike zone was made today, when it was announced that R. J. Slater, general superintendent of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, had agreed to deliver to the United States regulars all the guns in possession of the guards at Walsenburg.

Blame for Ludlow Fight on Greeks in Tent Colony. DENVER, Col., May 2.—Responsibility for the fatal battle of Ludlow, Monday, April 29, was placed on the backs of the strikers' colony at Ludlow by the military board, consisting of Judge Advocate Maj. E. J. Boughton, Capt. W. C. Danks and Philip S. Van Cize of the Colorado National Guard. This commission was appointed April 25 by Adj. Gen. Chase. With instructions to report on all the incidents of the battle preceding and subsequent, and to make such report "without animosity or favor."

The officers examined under oath all officers and men, "as many as possible of the soldiers, deputies, mine guards and two people of Ludlow and nearby coal camps, they made strenuous effort to obtain testimony of strikers, but without success, reporting that 'a personal request made upon Mr. Lawson and Mr. McLeannan, strike leaders in Denver, was answered in their presence by Mr. Hawkins, their attorney, declining to give us any information upon the ground that our inquiry was not publicly conducted.'"

Blames the Operators. The board found that the "remote" cause of this "as well as all other battles" was the coal operators, who established in an American industrial community a numerous class of ignorant, lawless and savage south European peasants. The underlying cause was the presence near Ludlow, in daily contact of three discordant elements—strikers, soldiers and mine guards—all armed and fostering an increasing deadly hatred, which sooner or later was bound to find some such expression. The immediate cause of the battle was an attack upon the soldiers by the Greek inhabitants of the tent colony, who misinterpreted a move made by troops on a neighboring hill.

Concerning Louis Tikas, the Greek leader who was killed in the battle, the report says: "During the evening, Louis Tikas, James Fyler and an unknown striker were taken prisoners. Lieut. E. E. Lindbergh swung his rifle, breaking the stock over the head of Tikas."

Saves Tikas From Noose. This incident followed a heated controversy between the lieutenant and the Greek. The report continues: "An attempt to hang Tikas was prevented by Lieut. Lindbergh, who took Tikas over to a non-commissioned officer whom he directed to be responsible for his life. Shortly afterward the three prisoners were killed by gunshot wounds, one of the tents being destroyed by a kind not used by the soldiers, although the two other wounds might have been made by Springfield rifle bullets of the uniformed men."

Relative to the suffocation and burning of two women and eleven children in the tent colony the report says: "Eleven children and two women were taken to death in a small pit, under one of the tents. None of them was hit by a bullet. This pit was not large enough to support the life of such a number of people. The construction of the pit made it a veritable death trap, and its inmates probably died from suffocation before the tents were burned."

Not Crowded at Entrance. "When found, there were no signs that the women and children had crowded into the entrance of the pit, as would have been the case had they attempted to rush out when the tent above caught fire."

The report states that the colony was looted by participants and spectators of the battle, and that 15,000 rounds of ammunition were taken from a tent marked "headquarters of John Lawson." The colony was not swept by machine guns, says the report. This is proved by the fact that the chicken houses, out-houses, tent frames and posts still standing in the colony exhibit no bullet holes, while the buildings and fences along the railroad track are riddled with bullet holes made by the machine gun.

Ask Court-Martial. The board recommended that "a general court-martial be appointed to try all officers and enlisted men participating in the ill-treatment and killing of prisoners and the burning and looting of the tent colony, that the legislature establish a permanent site court-martial, so that the young men of our national guard may be relieved from engaging in riot duty with a people numbering among their ferocious foreigners, whose savagery in flight was found exemplified in the killing of Maj. Lester while under the killing of Maj. Lester while under and mutilation of Privates Martin, Hockersmith and Chavez."

The report continues: "We strongly urge the state and federal governments to proceed at once to the apprehension and punishment of all persons engaged as instigators or participants in the treasuries, murders, arson and other acts of outlaws in this state since the battle of Ludlow."

FEARS FOR HER SAFETY. Husband of Mrs. Rachael Baker Finds Her Conduct Strange. She was being followed through the streets by a relative, complained Mrs. Rachael Baker, forty years old, of 423 1/2 street southeast, when she appeared at the first precinct police station last night.

John E. Baker, her husband, followed her to the station and told the police his wife's conduct in the past three weeks indicated that something was the matter with her mind. Mrs. Baker was sent for observation to Washington Asylum Hospital.

TO USE GRIDIRON ROOM. Yesterday afternoon the women's reception committee reported having completed arrangements for the use of the Gridiron Club room at the Willard Hotel, May 15 and 16, for the reception of the visiting ladies.

The committee also reported the completion of arrangements to give the visitors a tour of Washington in automobiles. The following were present: Mrs. P. J. Moran, Mrs. T. Reilly, Mrs. John F. Leary, Mrs. W. Fahey, Mrs. Harney, Mrs. William Roach, Jr., Mrs. Gallows, Mrs. Mary Gantley, Mrs. Gantley, Mrs. M. Dowd, Miss Margaret Brothman, Miss Catherine Breen, Miss Mary Flanagan, Mrs. Crowley, Miss N. Brockley, Mrs. N. B. Keller, Mrs. L. Rolland, Mrs. P. J. Nee, Mrs. D. Shea, Mrs. J. J. Keenan, Mrs. O'Donnell, Miss Loretta O'Donnell, Miss Catherine Costigan, Mrs. Sadie Ryan, Mrs. Annie Cunningham, Mrs. B. Gallows, Miss P. Moran, Mrs. A. D. Drury and Miss M. F. Rafferty.

PICKETS TO WEAR CREPE IN "SILENT" PROTEST

Demonstration Against John D. Rockefeller Continues—Woman Agitator Arrested.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Demonstrations today against John D. Rockefeller, Jr., because of his alleged policy in the Colorado strike situation were unmarked by disturbances of moment, the chief development of the day being the arrest of Marie Ganz, orator for the Industrial Workers of the World, whose repeated threats against Mr. Rockefeller in speeches and otherwise had been brought to police attention.

Miss Ganz was intercepted today on lower Broadway while she was on her way, she said, to repeat her visit of Thursday to Mr. Rockefeller's offices at No. 26, when her first threats were voiced. She made no protest when taken to the station, where she would hold meetings again when she was released.

Threats Not Basis of Charge. Her threats were not made the direct basis of the charges against her, the accusation being the same as that under which Upton Sinclair was fined recently after taking part in his "Free Silence League" demonstration outside the Rockefeller offices—a section of the law making it a misdemeanor to create a disturbance by acts or language in a public place.

Miss Ganz was released tonight, when a surety company furnished the \$500 bail required. She will be arraigned tomorrow.

Picketing by crepe-sleeved marchers went on today in front of the Rockefeller office building and was reported as a special badge and a banner with the residence near 5th avenue, although Mr. Rockefeller himself was far off in his country home at Pocantico Hill.

Memorial Service Proposed. Rev. Dr. William Miller Gable of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Cortesville, N. J., announced today that he would lead a memorial service tomorrow in the neighborhood of 25 Broadway for the men and children killed in the troubles in Colorado. He would wear vestments for the service, he said, and would read prayers and give an address on the responsibility for the troubles and the injustice of the existing social system. The neighborhood of Mr. Rockefeller's office was selected because he is closely related to the troubles, Dr. Gable stated, but his name will not be mentioned in the service.

BROWNS IN C. AND O. CANAL. Fred Beach's Body Taken From Water by Police.

Fred Beach, who lived about a mile above the Aqueduct bridge on the zima side of the Potomac, was drowned in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal about a half mile above the bridge about 9:30 last night.

John Toome and John Leadbeater, who live on the Conduit road, were walking along the canal about 9:30 o'clock and saw a man walking on the other side. They heard a splash and saw a hat floating on the surface of the stream. They notified the police, and the body was recovered and identified. It was not determined last night whether he had jumped or had fallen into the canal.

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